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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. 25, SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

AS OF 1500 HOURS (EST) FEBRUARY 24, 1975

THE "CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN MISSION" OF THE INSURGENT ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELF) HAS CALLED AT OUR EMBASSY IN CAIRO REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT WITH A "RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN OFFICIAL ." WE ARE CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST.

WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT RICHARD HANNA, AN AMERICAN ARRESTED BY THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (PMG) IN EARLY JANUARY, HAS BEEN CHARGED, INTER ALIA, WITH ESPIONAGE "FOR THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT." OUR EMBASSY HAS ARRANGED FOR A DEFERRAL OF COURT PROCEEDINGS AND A DISCUSSION OF THE CASE WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON FEBRUARY 15. INGERSOLL

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